

A HOWLING GALE STOPS LAUNCHING

Common Council Considers With Aldermen on Curfew Law.

CHILDREN TO BE IN AT NIGHT

Little Boy Sticks Twenty-Penny Nail in His Eye—Youthful Murderer in Hiding.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NIGHT NEWS, VA., January 4.—On account of the howling northwesterly gale blowing here to-day the launching of the ferry boat Elmdale, which was scheduled to take place at the shipyard this morning at 9 o'clock, was postponed indefinitely.

As soon as the weather conditions are favorable the little craft will go over. She will be christened by Miss Anna Manville, the pretty daughter of L. B. Manville, superintendent of the Old Dominion Land Company.

Thippolito are still looking for Theophilus Johnson, the twelve-year-old negro who fatally shot Edward Blazo, a white newboy, several days ago. The little negro is supposed to be hiding somewhere in the city, but the officers have not been able to locate him.

The two-year-old son of Councilman J. E. Villars fell on a twenty-penny nail yesterday and stuck the point into his left eye. The child will recover, but probably will lose the sight of the eye. The baby was playing on the floor with the nail.

The Common Council last night concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen in passing the "curfew" law. Children under the age of fifteen must not be seen on the streets of the city after 7:30 o'clock from October 1st to May 1st, and after 9 o'clock from May 1st to October 1st.

THE OLIVER TRIAL

Large Crowd Braves Cold Weather to Hear the Evidence.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, VA., January 4.—In spite of the fact that this is the coldest day of the year and a fierce wind filled the air with flying particles of snow and ice, a big crowd, which came from long distances, gathered at Gloucester Courthouse to-day and filled the building with spectators, listened with eager interest to the evidence in the trial of James Oliver for the murder of Carmine's Island, Gloucester. J. N. Sibbs, for the defense, presented an array of witnesses, endeavoring to prove that Oliver had acted in self-defense. In the afternoon Commonwealth's Attorney Heston brought in rebuttal evidence, and a new discovery of evidence.

A COLLISION.

Last Mail Strikes a Freight Train at Full Speed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., January 4.—The United States last mail from New Orleans to New York on the Southern was wrecked this evening near Franklin Junction, when the train was running several hours behind time.

The engine ran into a freight train, which was standing on the main track, striking it at full speed. The engine of the United States train was derailed, and five coaches of the mail train were derailed. The train of the United States was seriously hurt, one of the passengers were injured. It is not expected that the train can be cleared until some time after midnight.

STOVE EXPLODES.

An Aged Lady Probably Fatally Hurt by Flying Pieces.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ABINGDON, VA., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Elizabeth Critz, aged seventy, and a well known and highly respected lady of Abingdon, was the victim of a very sad accident this morning about 8 o'clock. While breakfast was being prepared, the oven of her son-in-law, Mr. Will Clark, with whom she lived, a pipe in the cooking stove burst, the main portion striking her on the limb just above the knee, breaking and badly splintering it.

It is supposed that the pipe was frozen when the fire was kindled, and it burst from the steam thus generated. Mrs. Critz was promptly given medical attention, but tonight it is believed that she cannot recover, owing to her advanced age.

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THEIR LICENSES REVOKED

Appeal From Decision as to License—Character of Women Must Be Proven

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—W. S. Pentress and W. B. Stokes, saloon-keepers, fined \$100 and cost each in the Police Court recently upon the charge of permitting gambling on their saloon premises, instead of going into a trial of their cases on appeal in the Corporation Court, to-day entered pleas of guilty and were fined \$100 and cost each. The penalty provided in the statute under which they were arraigned.

Upon motion of Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton, the license of each defendant was revoked. As to this, the defendants appealed to the Supreme Court of Virginia, and their saloons will remain open under a suspending order of sixty days.

MUST PROVE CHARACTER.

A charge against Saloon-keeper Alex. Berlin of permitting women in his place, failed in Police Court to-day. The law says "few women" shall not be allowed in saloons, and Justice Simmons held that the bad character of women found in saloons must be proven before the said ordinance can become operative. This practically vitates the law against women entering saloons as all arrests made under the ordinance will fail unless the bad character of the women can be established by the police or other complaining witnesses.

A special service will be held in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church next Sunday morning on account of the departure of Dr. Harry B. Taylor, of this city, for China as missionary. Dr. Taylor has spent some time in the hospitals of this city and New York and is a graduate of the medical school of the University of Virginia. His headquarters will be at Nankin.

ATTACKED BY WILCO.

H. P. Guy, of Norfolk, while hunting in the Dismal Swamp several days ago, was attacked by a wildcat. The feline killed one of his dogs and badly scratched and tore Mr. Guy's clothing, before he succeeded in killing and plugging it to the ground with a pike pole. The cat was brought to Norfolk alive and turned over to Mr. Joseph Hill, who has placed it in the Lafayette Park Zoo.

One of the worst storms of the winter swept Eastern Virginia and North Carolina last night. The wind reached a maximum velocity in Norfolk during night of thirty-four miles an hour, while at Cape Hatteras it blew fifty-six miles an hour. And at Cape Henry, fifty miles an hour. The temperature dropped here thirty-two degrees during the night, and at 8 o'clock this morning the official thermometer at the local Weather Bureau registered twenty-two above zero. Many thought last night the coldest of the present winter in Norfolk, but on December 11th the temperature went down to twenty above zero.

The snow which fell last night froze and made it for a time this morning quite dangerous for pedestrians and horses traveling on asphalt streets. The brisk weather carried the temperature down to

erably up during the day, however, and much of the snow and sleet of the morning has now disappeared.

An Assignment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—Mr. Samuel Winkler, a well known business here under the style of the Royal Clothing Company, has made an assignment to William J. Jacobson, trustee for the benefit of creditors, most of whom are Baltimore firms. The largest sum due is \$500 to Mrs. Weikert, the next largest \$275.35 to Lewis Applefield, and the next largest \$25.37 to the Baltimore Shoe House. The other debts range from \$5 to \$75. The assets are said to be worth about \$200.

Death of a Veteran.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HAMPTON, VA., Jan. 4.—Lewis Kelly, a veteran of the Soldiers' Home, near Hampton, died to-day as the result of a fall. Kelly was going up stairs, when he lost his footing and tumbled to the bottom. He died without regaining consciousness. Kelly came to the Home from Philadelphia. He was sixty-four years old.

A Genuine Blizzard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—A genuine blizzard raged here last night. Snow commenced falling before midnight and continued until after midnight, and drifted heavily in places, as high winds prevailed. The thermometer dropped to fifteen to fifteen degrees in twenty-four hours.

Parsons—Helbig.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—The Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, was the scene of a large gathering of relatives and friends to witness the marriage of Miss Lillian Helbig, daughter of Mrs. John Helbig, to Rev. Ethel E. Parsons, a minister of the Pittsburgh, Pa. Church, who is at present stationed at Staebstown, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Robert Fleming, pastor of the church in which it took place.

Mrs. John W. Sherman, of Roanoke, was the name of honor. Miss Lillian Helbig, of Washington, D. C., was maid of honor. Rev. J. H. Strough, pastor of the Westminster Methodist Protestant Church, was the best man, and the ushers were Messrs. Fred C. Bonitz, of Wilmington, N. C.; Richard Hancock, of Frankland, and Walter B. Helbig, of this city.

Kidwell—Ammadon.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—Mr. Robert M. Kidwell and Miss Rebecca Ammadon, of Stafford county, were married last week by Rev. U. S. Landstreet. Mr. Kidwell is a native of this city, and Miss Ammadon is a native of this city.

Sullivan—Satterwhite.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—Mr. Henry Sullivan of Stafford county, and Miss Maria Lucinda Satterwhite, of this city, were married here yesterday at the home of the bride, Rev. Deatur Edwards officiating.

Greensboro Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 4.—Cards were issued to-day announcing the marriage of Miss Mabel Glenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyre Glenn, to Mr. Paul Cameron Lindsey, at the residence of the bride's parents.

The amount of necessary capital to insure the success of a corporation in Germany is estimated to be the manufacture of engines, boilers, saw mills, etc., was guaranteed to a meeting of several prominent business men held last night.

Messrs. O. C. Wyong, C. D. Benbow, J. C. Murphree, M. B. Sherwood, R. S. Petty, G. W. Pritchett, G. H. Miles and W. B. will be the incorporators.

GRAND PRIZE FOR APOLLINARIS.

The St. Louis Exposition awarded the Grand Prize to Apollinaris natural mineral water. This well known water has received the highest award wherever exhibited, and lays claim to more awards than any other table water. According to the London "Lancet" of January 26, 1904, Apollinaris is bottled only at the spring, and only with its own natural gas. The spring being at Neuenahr, Germany, Apollinaris was exhibited in the German pavilion, and it is noteworthy that Germany made a brilliant record in the great number of awards it carried off.

CONTRACT FOR DREDGING LET

The Company Doing the Dredging Work Secures It.

NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER

James A. Perkinson Nominated to That Body—Electric Hammer to Be Made by Company.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., January 4.—The contract for dredging the channel of the Appomattox River from the city limits to Sunken Island, about six miles below Petersburg, has been awarded to the Atlantic Dredging Company, of Philadelphia. This company is now working on the new channel of the diversion scheme.

Ten thousand dollars is the government appropriation for dredging the river. Mr. W. N. Mays, warden of the port of Petersburg, was a close competitor with the Philadelphia company for the work, his being only about \$300 higher for the total number of yards estimated to be removed.

Mr. James A. Perkinson has been recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners for appointment to that body by the Council to succeed Mr. Donnie Perkinson, who recently resigned. The board will elect a substitute officer to succeed Police Officer George Mayer, who has resigned from the force to become a farmer.

Mr. Louis Paulero, Petersburg's electrical inventor, who has recently patented an electric reciprocating hammer, intends to organize a stock company for the manufacture and sale of his invention, which apparently achieves a triumph long striven for by many inventors.

The Mayor this morning discharged a number of people, among whom were several children, arraigned in his court for rummaging garbage boxes and scattering the contents about the streets, a practice that had become a public nuisance.

The parties were warned to leave the boxes alone, and the police have been instructed to arrest further offenders.

The Storm in Chatham.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., Jan. 4.—A blinding snow storm, driven by a very high wind, prevailed Tuesday afternoon, carrying the mercury down more than twenty degrees in a few hours. A dark the snow was four inches deep and drifted in places. Exposed places were kept bare by the high wind.

Wednesday morning the mercury stood at sixteen, which is about the coldest for the winter. Wood and coal are in demand. The roads are very rough and hard frozen, impeding travel very much.

Every lady in Richmond should endeavor to be present at the reception to be given by the National Biscuit Company, Saturday afternoon, at Masonic Temple, from 2 until 5 o'clock.

The purpose of this entertainment is to acquaint the ladies in the most pleasant and practical manner with the finest baking in the world. Thilo's orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and appropriate refreshments will be served. Every guest will receive a cordial welcome.

EIGHT KILLED IN TOW-BOAT WRECK

Explosion of Starboard Boilers Blew Out Entire Side of Vessel, Which Then Sank.

CREW NEARLY ALL ASLEEP

In Effort to Escape Men Plunged Into Icy Waters and Were Nearly Frozen.

(By Associated Press.)

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Jan. 4.—Eight men are known to be dead and three seriously injured, the result of the boiler explosion and fire which, as previously stated, destroyed the tow-boat Defender here early to-day. The dead are: PERRY SPENDER, mate, Point Pleasant.

HORACE WETZEL, watchman, Pittsburg.

JAMES SEESE, lamp trimmer, Wells-ville.

ALBERT HAMILTON, fireman, Pittsburg.

MIKE STAFFORD, fireman, Pittsburg.

THOMAS DUFFY, fireman, Pittsburg.

WILL WETZEL, deck hand.

GEORGE KIDD, deck hand.

Injured: Ira Ellis, second engineer; Pittsburg; Robert Holland, fireman; Robert Mann, third cook.

Nearly All Asleep.

The Defender was owned by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, of Pittsburg. Captain James Woodward was in the pilot house at the time of the accident and with the exception of firemen, engineer and the watchman, the remainder of the crew were asleep. The explosion of the starboard boilers blew out the entire side of the boat and awakened the sleeping members of the crew. The noise was heard for three miles. Survivors grabbed what clothing they could find and plunged into the icy waters of the Ohio, in the effort to escape. The night was bitter cold, the thermometer hovering about zero and those who escaped were nearly frozen before they could be given shelter.

The boat caught fire immediately following the explosion and drifted down the river about 100 yards where she sank in shallow water. The fire continued until she was burned to the water's edge. Ellen Welsh, chambermaid, of Pittsburg, the only woman on board the boat, escaped in her night clothing. When rescued she was almost frozen. Captain Woodward says that the origin of the explosion is a mystery, as the boilers were, so far as known, in excellent condition. A number of men are working on the wreck to-day to recover the bodies of the dead. So far six bodies have been recovered.

Higginbotham—Kline.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 4.—Mr. Edwin Morris Higginbotham and Miss Minnie Maud Kline were married last Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kline, of South Fourth Street, Charlottesville, by Rev. Dr. George L. Peirce. The bride wore a handsome gown of brown broadcloth, with hat and gloves to match. She is a pretty, attractive young lady, and possesses many rare accomplishments.

Mr. Higginbotham is a prolific business young man of Nelson, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham left on the noon train, and a shower of rice, for the home of the groom's parents, where a reception will be tendered them after which they will go to Mrs. Higginbotham's beautiful country residence, their future home.

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